

Remarks

In response to an Office action dated April 22, 2008 and in preparation for appeal, attached are five representative examples of applicant's system wherein a first expression (i.e., You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink) is translated into a second expression (It is infeasible to oblige potation through it is feasible to navigate a dobbin to a rill). As a second step, which makes up the game, the student tries to decipher the first expression from the second expression, using as few of the clues as possible for the lesser known words in the second expression. The clues being definitions for dobbin, potation, oblige and rill.

Using the definitions for dobbin, potation, oblige and rill, the second expression translates as "It is not possible to force a drink through it is possible to steer a work horse to a stream" which is not a direct translation of the first expression. However by learning the words in the second expression, the student may be able to decipher the second expression back into the first expression (You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink).

Alam discloses three decks of cards, a first deck having prefixes, a second deck having root words and a third deck having suffixes. A definition for each prefix, root and suffix is provided on the back of the card together with a word example wherein the prefix, root or suffix is used.

In Alam's Figs. 1 and 2, "PRE", "TEND" and "ING" is the equivalent of applicant's "second expression" with the definitions (before-to stretch-conveys idea) provided on the back of the cards. There is no second step in Alam, no deciphering "before-to stretch-conveys idea" back into a "first expression."

On Mankoff's playing cards, the word to be learned and its definition is provided in multiple-choice form. This is distinctly different from applicant's education system wherein a first expression consisting of a word or phase is translated into lesser known words which forms a second expression. Upon grasping the meaning of the lesser known words by using clues which give the definition of the lesser known words, the student may decipher the first expression from the translation of the second expression into common words.

In Mankoff's Fig. 2, "ANTITHESIS" is the equivalent of applicant's "second expression" and multiple choice "7) the opposite" is the definition of the word. There is no second step in Mankoff. No deciphering "ANTITHESIS" into a "first expression" which the definition "the opposite" hints at.

In summary, there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in Alam, Mankoff or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art which makes obvious the system of applicant's claims.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims are patentable over Alam in view of Mankoff. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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POP MUSIC GROUP — Pungent condiment sylphs

Clues #1 *syph*... a slim, graceful woman or girl
#2 *condiment*... something used for seasoning food
#3 *pungent*... sharp or spicy to the taste

SAYING — It is infeasible to oblige potation though it is feasible to navigate a dobbin to a rill

Clues #1 *dobbin*... a horse, especially a work horse
#2 *potation*... the act of drinking
oblige... to force or compel
#3 *rill*... a small brook or stream

NURSERY — The beldam whose ménage was
RHYME ensconced in a clodhopper

Clues #1 *beldam*... an old woman
#2 *ménage*... a domestic household
#3 *clodhopper*... a large heavy shoe or boot
ensconce... to settle in securely

ANSWERS	YOUR SCORE
POP MUSIC GROUP—The Spice Girls	—
SAYING—You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink	—
LITERARY CHARACTER—The old woman who lived in a shoe	—
	TOTAL

Good Score: 23 Expert: 39
Most Possible: 57

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MOVIE TITLE— Effectuate a matricidal precipitation from (1987) the concatenation of conveyances

Clues #1 *concatenate*... to connect in a series, link together
conveyance... a means of transporting; a vehicle for conveying something
#2 *matricide*... the killing of one's mother
precipitation... the act of hurling down or falling
#3 *effectuate*... to bring about; make happen

THING— Crepitated zea mays everta made increasingly sapid with ghee-like substance

Clues #1 *sapid*... having agreeable flavor; taste
ghee... semifluid butter used in cooking
#2 *crepitate*... to make a popping sound; crackle
#3 *zea mays everta*... corn kernels that burst into white puffs when heated

SPORTS— "It's not cardinal, but rather omneity, to be epinician"
QUOTE

#1 *epinician*... celebrating victory
#2 *cardinal*... of primary importance
#3 *omneity*... the quality of being all inclusive

ANSWERS

MOVIE—Throw Mama From the Train

THING—Buttered popcorn

QUOTE—"Winning isn't the main thing, it's the only thing" (Vince Lombardi)

YOUR SCORE

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SONG— "Tintinnabulum geminated, maintain tintinnabulation
PHRASE throughout the entire peregrination..."

Clues #1 *tintinnabulum*... a small, jingling bell
geminante... to double

#2 *peregrinate*... to travel over or through

#3 *tintinnabulation*... the ringing of bells

MOVIE— Thaumaturgic event on the thoroughfare with a
TITLE numerary designation

Clues #1 *thaumaturgic*... of or relating to the working of miracles

#2 *thoroughfare*... a place of travel or passage

#3 *numerary*... of or relating to numbers

FICTIONAL — Cervine creature featuring a rubescent,
CHARACTER lambent rostrum

Clues #1 *lambent*... gently glowing; luminous

#2 *ubescent*... red; becoming red

#3 *rostrum*... the projecting nose or facial parts of an animal

cervine... relating to deer

ANSWERS

YOUR SCORE

PHRASE— "Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle
all the way..."

MOVIE TITLE—Miracle on 34th Street

FICTIONAL CHARACTER—Rudolph the Red
Nose Reindeer

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SPORTS TERM—Aperture by agency of an uniterated swipe

Clues #1 *aperture*... an opening, hole, or gap
#2 *iterate*... say or do again or repeatedly
swipe... a sweeping blow
#3 *agency*... the means of producing an effect; instrumentality

MOVIE TITLE—Seraphic habitants of the remote
(1993) agonistic plat

Clues #1 *seraph*... an angel
#2 *habitant*... one who lives in or frequents a certain place
plat... a specified area of ground
#3 *agonistic*... of or relating to athletic contests

PHRASE—Lupine brute digitized as a teg

Clues #1 *digit*... to dress or adorn
#2 *lupine*... characteristic of or resembling a wolf
brute... an animal; a beast
#3 *teg*... a sheep in its second year

ANSWERS

SPORTS TERM—Hole in one
MOVIE—Angels in the Outfield
PHRASE—Wolf in sheep's clothing

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